## HEMPHIS APPEAL

Citizens! Register promptly. If you

do not you cannot vote at the

pal election in January next. SHALL MEMPHIS BE SAVED? In two or three days more the opportunity for registering as a preparation for exercising the elective franchise will cease, so far as the municipal electestablish a thorough system of public a tions in January are concerned. The ejucation, it must be confessed in sorpeople have it in their power to avail r .w., that it is rather discreditable to us, pepers. If you do not you cannot vote themselves of the present opportunity and it is still more so, as we reflect that duty for every man to do so. It tax for their support. Most of the may and doubtless is a disagree- countles of the State are, financial- tion that will be disposed of by our able task, but still pury de- ly, in a good condition, and have mands it. If apathy prevail, no excuse in hard times or poverty. and men will not register, why, of tribute this opposition to, unless it be to unconstitutional, and that this decision course, the election must go by default. ignorance, a perverse and stupid igno- has brought the question before congress If such should be the case, and the ene- rance that does not want to be enlightmies of the people being elected, the ened and will not permit others to be power to do the south justice. The tax taxes are increased, the affairs of the enlightened. Think of it, in this age was a barsh and cruel war measure and time, and in one of the wealthiest Embittered by the struggle in which John T. Straffon, formerly of Stratton, Mchopes of reformation blighted, those free America, there are communities so the north imposed this tax as a punishgentlemen who refused to register can-blinded by prejudice, and so besotted in ment, in order to make the "rebels" STRATTON & WELLFORD not consistently make any complaint- ignorance as to oppose free schools, pay some of the expenses of the war. they have made their bed and must lie the very hope of the country and of the world. It is disin it. Last September when the graceful. To obviate its possible con- til it had worked us great mischief. Is COMMISSION MERCHANTS throat, every man in the city lature meets one of its first acts will be made complete by a return of the money deplored the consequences of the to make the levying of a school tax to the people from whom it was illegally dreadful scourge. And yet the pestilence had a well-ascertained cause, and by precaution might have been convicts or scholars. The whole people noble service for the Mississippi valley by warded off. The existence of the cause would have been prevented, and, of upon the principle that the innocent of the availability of the Mississippi course, the city saved from the plague, Men said in their heart then: "If we survive this affliction, we will turn over a new leaf! The municipal offices of Memphis must be reconstructed; sh must be hereafter governed by men of integrity, and not by political rings; she must have radical reform. And yet

disappearance of the yellow-fever, when the respectable business men of the city are acting so as to leave the destinies of Memphis, for the next two · years, to the tender mercies of as cor most a set of party rings as ever propos ed to violate the rights and squander the means of the people. An at-urd prejudice, founded for the most part in personal spleen, is being permitted to hinder men of in fluence from taking an active part in the management of a canvass upon the issue of which depends the very exist- he did not know what congress would fully justifies Colonel Fleming and re ence of their city as a place of com- do in the matter, but thought it likely mercial prosperity. Men deplore the that that body would pass some helpless manner in which the city govincompetent hands, and yet are do-companied the delegation, "if such bill with unbecoming ferocity and undising nothing to prevent it! Of is defeated it will probably be because guised maliciousness. "All's well that the two candidates they think Busby the better man-one not troubled by hungry and elamorous acherents, nor hedged in nor compro mised by promises of fat jobs to the henchmen of various nationalities, his adversary. Rut-but-and here the honest citize shakes his head, and, disgusted with the whole affair, refuses to register, and, ical opposition is preparing to do his part to give the control of the city gov- demand for the return of the now hispiper, while the Radical party dances. When pay-day comes, however, please remember that we have repeatedly

six weeks have hardly passed since the

Citizens! Register promptly. Ifon y do not you cannot vote at the municipal election in January next.

THE MASSACRES IN JAPAN. Japan is still the land of the heathen, tions, every stranger touching the stipulations of the Fish-Polo protocol are the policy restry in which we feel assure the stranger touching the stipulations of the Fish-Polo protocol are to old being told he had done enough for his which we feel assure the policy restry and that his "boys," as he called wants of the planter. Japanese shores is an enemy, and, until agreed to. Then the question of peace the members of his company, might do the recently, was punished with death or war is in the hands of a Spanish againg, whilst he must retire on his honor The abodes of ignorance are always the mob in Havana! The destruction He finally settled in Texas, where he livedstrongholds of superstition, and hence, of the Virginius would be followed by like his brother Charles, our late noble cit when the stranger entering Japan, pro- the bombardment of the Moro Castle, claims a new religion, and attacks the and a rain of iron-hail would ratile in mossed and ivied systems of paganism the corridors of the Castino Espanol, and and demonology prevailing in fall among the gardens and orange that country, church and state groves of the Habaneros. But the Virunite in encouraging a ferocious ginius will, perhaps, be delivered up. mob to visit speedy and terrible punish- our flag saluted, and then will follow ment upon the head of the effending the question of punishment of Burriel missionary. Since the unscaling of the and his fellow-executioners, and claim Oriental nations to European and for compensation to the families of the American intercourse, our government men murdered at Santiago de Cuba. Sentered into treaty relations with Japan, this Spanish-Cuban war-cloud still stipulating, among other things, that hangs along the horizon of events, and the persecutions of christian mission- though it may not burst just now, notharies by Japanese zealots should be pro- ing but the independence of Cuba will billited. But the spirit of religious big- thoroughly dissipate it and prevent the city respects neither conscience nor storm which it portends in the near treaties, and hence the most cruel perse. future. May we soon behold in it the cutions have been visited on the bow of promise of freedom to the Queen noble men who endeavored to carry the of the Antilles. gospel of Christ into Japan. These missionaries are principally of the Catholic faith-a church, which, whatever we colored hobby, will not be allowed to may think of her theory of belief, has stand in the way of complete samesty, made her name illustrious in her noble as suggested by President Grant in his efforts to obey the injunctions of our message, and proposed by Mr. Maynard Savior, "Go ye therefore, and teach all in the house. It is the only thing nations"-and hence the burden of wanting to complete unity and oblivimurtyrdom has fallen upon the devot- on of the past, and we hope it will not ed heads of her missionary clergy, be hindered by anything that the great Our advices from Japan, bring senator from Massachusetts may do or us the details of a recent and say. Of those still under disabilities, most cruel massacre of the Roman hardly any would desire to re-enter pub-Catholic missionaries residing at Yoko- lie life, most of them being members of FRANKLIN. homa, by the brutal mob of that city. the old army and navy, and having no The infuriated bigots seized a predilections for politics. The most number of these inoffensive men, prominent civilians now disfranchised and dragged them through the are Jefferson Davis, of Tennessee; Rob- and streets until dead! But yesterday we ert Tombs, of Georgia; Lewis T. Wigwere called upon to denounce the exhi- all, now of Baltimore; John H. Reabition of religious intolerance at the gau, of Texes; James Chestnut, of to this city and vicinity a liberal share a noval hands of the Catholics of Tezcoatlan, South Carolina; Thomas S. Bocock, of in Mexico; to-day it is our sad duty to denounce a similar exhibition against judge of the United States supreme disgraceful scenes spring from a com- Kentucky. Among the military and

to the wondering and listening

PLEMING'S REPORT. The synopsis of the State superintend-FRIDAY NORNING, DEC. 13, 1873, dition and future prospects of our public- Below we give the names of the regischool system which we publish to-day, trars and their location: their duties this report is most creditable to them, but when we remember the length of time during which the State has had abundant opportunity to Austice

there are yet some countles so opposed to public schools, as to refuse to levy a thurance, we hope that when the legis- it not now time that reparation was

compulsory upon all the counties alike. | collected? It is either a question of multiplying guols or schools. Either we must have even to do good for themselves.

GRANT BITS SUMNER. President Grant is not famed for ored delegation to the national the lakes and Erie canal."

ivil rights convention, President Grant fealt the Massachusetts senator, of civil ights bill notoriety, a neat back-handed eminder of that gentleman's hobby, now ridden to death. In response to an ddress thanking him for the care and cople of Louisiana, the President said, uching the civil rights question, that icious wink at Senator West who ac-

otne extreme measure may be urged by ends well." ome person claiming to be a particula friend of the colored man." After that who will deny that General Grant cannot, upon rare occasions, plant his intellectual manly right between the eyes of

APPROACHING THE END.

Next Tuesday is the day fixed for the of course, can not vote. In the mean- the Cuban authorities to our governtime every man and boy of the Radi- ment. Our excitable idends, the Span-Ish immigrants and the volunteers of the ever faithful rsle, seem to yield to our ermment to the Radical party. Well, toric vessel with a very bad grace. There gentlemen, you will have to pay the is a war party in Cuba who would prefer? scuttling or burning the Virginius rather allies were defeated, and Tecumseh killed, at than give her up to the batted Ameri- the battle of the Thames, on the 5th of Octocans, and were it not for the caution exercised in guarding he of Tocumseh, gave peace to the northwest urged, and do now again urge you, be- would take the responsibility, and soon thereafter. General Jackson called for fore it is too late, to save the city. Will do it. In the classic and shady stree is volunteers to repair to the defense of New of delightful Havana an infurlated mob Orleans, when Smith Lofland, as he was gathered day before yesterday and deermined to destroy the captured vessel, tered in, and again saw the British Lion but were dissuaded from their rash pur- succumb to the "Stars and Stripes." Soon pose by the officers of the regular army. The public feeling is emphatically Missouri. When war was declared against against giving up the vessel directly to Mexico, he again volunteered and served our government, and we are told that with distinction under General Price. When the abode of legistry, the ancient home of superstition and demon-worship.

the officers of the Tornado, and of the superstition and demon-worship.

the officers of the Tornado, and of the in California, where he raised a company and tendered his services to the United States. Isolated for centuries from all other na- waters, will retire from the service if the When he reported for duty, he was declared

WE trust that Mr. Sumper, with his

the savagery of hearts, untouched by the purifying and ennobling sentiments of Lee, General George Pickett, Commomon cause; they have their source in mayal men are General Hood, General our glorious faith-the faith of the meek dore Semmes, Captain Brooke, the in-

mon on the Mount of Olives, and all ings; General Joe Johnston, and others of whose grand and stately sentences of less note.

Jews, constitute not only the best sys- The Texas Democracy made a clear tem of ethics ever devised or revealed sweep by fully thirty thousand, perhaps to mankind, but the noblest thesis on thirty-five thousand, majority at the recivil and religious liberty which ever cent election. The following gentlemen challenged the admiration of the sages, were elected: Governor, Richard Coke, statesmen and philosphers of the world. of McLennan county; lieutenant-gov- 1 R is sad to think that the spirit of the ernor, R. B. Hubbard, of Smith; comptrue christian faith is yet unknown to so troller, Slephon H. Darden, of Cald. L. KATON... many millions of the human race, and well; treasurer, A. J. Dorn, of Fannin; M. C. PEARCE. of Pearce, Suggr & Co. so much abused by so many millions of land office commissioner, J. J. Groos; Z. U. Dickinson, Dickinson, Williams & Co. others at whose heart it has knocked in superintendent public instruction, O. N. J. W. Dickinson, Williams & Co. J. M. PETTIGREW... Edmonds, Pottigrew & Co. vain for entrance. Still we renew our Hollingsworth, of Hays. Both branchtrust in the promise that the time will es of the legislature will be largely Demcome when no man on the surface of the occasio, insuring the election of a Demoinval earth need ask his brother "Know ye the Lord."

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colool system which we publish lo-day, ought to be read by every man in the State. If we consider the short space of time since Colonel Fleming and his county superintendents entered upon their duties this report is most creditable to them, but when we remember to the state of the state o

Don't fail to register and get you and you fail in the first duty of the

THE cotton tax is likely to be a quesresent congress. It will be remen pered that an equally divided court re We, therefore, are at a loss what to at- fused to declare the law levying the tax -the only body which now has the so soon as passion began to yield to eason the tax was removed, but not un-240 Front Street, cor. Jefferson

THE St. Louis Democrat has done of the State are concerned in it, and its persistent and intelligent presentation should not be made to suffer for the river as a route to the sea from the west. guilty, the recusant counties should be In one of its latest articles on the subforced to support free schools, and so ject it says: "If New York statesmen re going to join in the schemes for the provement of the St. Lawrence river the neglect of the Mississippi, they will find that Montreal and not New arkling wit as the celebrated Irish- York will be the point to which the man, Dean Swift, nor does he, as a gen- grain collected in the elevators of Miltal rule, sprinkle his reception speeches waukee, Chicago, Toledo and other with Attic salt; still we find a semi- licitits, will go for shipment to foreign asional illustration of caustic humor ports. With the Mississippi improved in our riticeut and nicotine-loving Presi- as it should be, New York City will lent, which approximates wit, as the have a water-route open every month in pacs of mica in granite resemble the the year, over which grain can be shipmond. For instance, in his Wednes- ped from the west to her harbors in less

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WE publish to-day under the head of ttention he had given the colored our law report the decision of the supreme court in the case of Brooks vs l'leming, which, we are happy to say futes the slanders of his enemies. We tender him our heartfelt congratulations civil rights bill, and, continued and can assure him that our whole comfor film, a contest waged against hin

OBITUARY. LOFEAND-It is announced by letter from Perss, that our old friend, Colonel WILLIAM SMITH LOPLAND, the venerable father of Vm. O. Letland, of this city, died at his home, pringfield, Texas, on the 18th of Novemrlost, in the 81th year of his age, having een born in Virginia, February 2, 1799, from whence his father removed, in 1758 or 1800, to ilucky, when the section of the State in Commission Merchants ender of the steamer Virginius by which he settled (south of Green river) was a comparative wilderness. The writer of this basty tribute to the memory of a good man, met him in 1812, soon after the breaking of the war with Great Brittain and the halled States, in which he volunteered, and ser und under General Harrison and Governo ciby, in the celebrated campaign against the British and Indians, under Proctor and TAYLOR, RADFORD & CO., er, 1813. The flight of the British General and the surrender of his army with the death after the close of the war with Great Britain Colonel Luffand removed to the State of

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